

## State of Connecticut

African-American Affairs Commission State Capitol 210 Capitol Avenue – Room 509 Hartford, CT 06106 860-240-8555

Appropriations Committee

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Good evening, members of the Appropriations Committee. My name is Glenn Cassis, Executive Director of the African-American Affairs Commission (AAAC) a non-partisan state agency whose mission it is to improve and promote the economic, education, health and political well-being of the state's African-American community.

The AAAC reluctantly accepts the budget recommendations in the Governor's Proposed Budget. The continuing reductions made to the Commission's budget causes staff to make greater sacrifices. The latest reductions totaling \$20,444, means that the AAAC will essentially have a zero budget FY 2013 compared to FY 2012. The AAAC will continue to search for outside resources and team with other organizations and agencies to meet its mission.

Respectfully submitted by,

Glenn A. Cassis